Chairman Mike Noel Bio June 2020

Mike Noel was appointed to his position as Chairman of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board by Governor John Bel Edwards on June 8, 2020. Prior to his appointment, Chairman Noel served over 30 years with the Louisiana State Police, ultimately retiring in June 2020 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the position of Assistant Superintendent/Chief of Staff. As Assistant Superintendent/Chief of Staff, Lt. Colonel Noel was responsible for carrying out the executive level responsibilities and day-to-day operations of the Department overseeing 1,700 employees and a budget in excess of \$300 million.

During his career at Louisiana State Police, Lt. Colonel Noel served and gained experience for over 17 years in the Gaming Enforcement Division where he worked to fulfill the agencies statutory responsibilities regulating Louisiana's \$3 Billion gaming industry. Additionally, he served on the Riverboat Economic Development and Gaming Task Force in 2016 – 2017 which ultimately led to legislation allowing riverboat casinos to move landside.

As a senior member of the Department, Lt. Colonel Noel participated in the Department's Leadership Development Courses as an instructor helping facilitate leadership skills to other members of the agency. He is a graduate of LSU with a Master's Degree in Public Administration.